

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 15, 1999 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)  
Rep. Dan McGee (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Deb Thompson, Committee Secretary  
Kathleen Williams, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB35, HB92, HB113, 1/15/1999  
Executive Action: HB58

HEARING ON HB35

Sponsor's Opening Statement: Rep. Chris Ahner, HD51  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.4 - 2.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bud Clinch, Director of Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation **EXHIBIT**(nah11a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.4 - 7.2}

Opponents' Testimony:

Rep. Bob Raney  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.6}

Attorney General Joe Mazurek answered questions for the  
committee.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.9}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Chris Ahner  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3}

HEARING ON HB 92

Sponsor's Opening Statement: Rep. Roger Somerville, HD78  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.3}

Proponents' Testimony:

Joe Mazurek, Attorney General **EXHIBIT**(nah11a02)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.9 - 5.6}

Chris Tweeten, Chief Council Montana Department of Justice  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7 - 11.2}

Judy Brownig, Montana Governor's Office  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 12.2}

Bob Lane, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks **EXHIBIT**(nah11a03)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5 - 13.9}

Jerry Wells, Montana Council of Trout Unlimited

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 14.9}**

Rep. Ron Erickson on behalf of Clark Fork Coalition.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2}**

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.5}**

Rob Collins answered questions for the committee.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.3}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Roger Somerville

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.7}**

### **HEARING ON HB113**

**Sponsor' Opening Statement:** Rep. Cindy Younkin, HD28

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.2 - 28.5}**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Don Vidrine, Montana Department of Environmental Equality

**EXHIBIT(nah11a04)**

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.9}**

John Augustine, Lobbyist for Conoco

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.1 - 3.7}**

Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8 - 4.2}**

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.4}**

Mark Simonich answered questions for the committee.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.1}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Cindy Younkin

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.8}**

Rep. Younkin entered an amendment. **EXHIBIT(nah11a05)**

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.1}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB58**

**Motion:** Rep. Younkin moved HB58 DO PASS.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.4}***

**Discussion:**

Committee questioned Mark Simonich.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.7}***

Rep. Dan McGee had a question regarding the possibility of adopting an amendment to this bill.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8}***

**Vote:** Motion carried 19-0. Reps. Bitney, Ohs, Story voted aye by proxy. Rep. Tuss abstained.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7}***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

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REP. BILL TASH, Chairman

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DEBBIE THOMPSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah11aad)**